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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of:

Thomas M. BAER et al.

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For:

CONSUMABLE FOR LASER CAPTURE MICRODISSECTION

Examiner: T. Nguyen

Group Art Unit: 2877

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

BOX CPA Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to prosecution of the above-identified application, applicants request the following amendments be entered and remarks considered.

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